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REF: DEPT'S 20505 (NOTAL)

SUBJ: HONG KONG COMMUNIST PRESS COVERAGE OF ABM ISSUE AND
AID TO TAIWAN

1. IN LINE WITH PEKING MEDIA SILENCE (REFTEL), HONG KONG
COMMUNIST PRESS HAS THUS FAR MADE NO DIRECT REFERENCE TO
PRESIDENT'S JAN. 30 PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS LINKING
SAFEGUARD ABM SYSTEM WITH PRC NUCLEAR THREAT.

2. TWO MAJOR COMMUNIST DAILIES HERE HAVE REACTED, OR NON-
REACTED, AS FOLLOWS. WEN WEI PAO (FEB 3) RAN COMPILATION
OF WESTERN NEWS REPORTS ON PRESIDENT'S BUDGET PROPOSAL,
ENDING WITH COMMENT THAT PRESIDENT IS APPROPRIATING \$1.5
BILLION FOR SPEEDING UP AND EXPANDING ABM SYSTEM "AIMED
DIRECTLY AT GREAT SOCIALIST CHINA." IN CONTRAST, FEB 11
TA KUNG PAO FEATURE ARTICLE ON SENATOR MANSFIELD'S OPPOSITION
TO ABM PROPOSAL CLEARLY GOES OUT OF ITS WAY TO AVOID MENTION
OF PRC. PAPER PARAPHRASES MANSFIELD STATEMENT AS SAYING THAT
WHEN ABM SYSTEM WAS FIRST PROPOSED LAST YEAR, PRESIDENT WAS
ONLY CONCERNED WITH DEFENDING AGAINST SOVIET NUCLEAR MISSILES,
BUT THAT AT JAN 30 PRESS CONFERENCE PRESIDENT INDICATED THAT
HE NOW WANTS TO DEFEND AGAINST "OTHER" (UNNAMED) NUCLEAR

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